

**Office of State Budget and Management  
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions**

(G.S. 143-34.1)

**Agency:** NC Wildlife Resources Commission

**Division:** Division of Inland Fisheries

**Budget Code:** 24350

**Center Title:** Division of Inland Fisheries - Habitat Conservation Section

**Center Number:** 2141

**\*\*\* Position Information \*\*\***

**Proposed Classification:** Wildlife/Fisheries Technician III

**Proposed Salary Grade:** 65

**Salary Range:** \$27,818 – \$41,639

**Proposed Effective Date:** 01 / 01 / 06

**Number of Positions:** 1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u> <small>(min + fringe)</small>
Total Budget	\$ 6,091,082.00	\$ 35,591.00
Receipts	<u>6,091,082.00</u>	<u>35,591.00</u>
Appropriation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

**Funding Source(s):** DENR – Ecosystem Enhancement Program (1 position)

**Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):**

This is a new position that will expand the Watershed Enhancement Program and is similar in nature to two existing Watershed Enhancement Technician positions. This support position is needed to assist the Watershed Enhancement Coordinator in carrying out watershed enhancement and stream restoration activities. Funding will be provided through agreements with the DENR-Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP). Through these agreements the WRC will supply various services related to stream restoration, monitoring, and maintenance for purposes of meeting NC mitigation needs for the impacts of construction. The primary purpose of this support position is to assist with the planning, implementation, monitoring and maintenance of stream restoration and enhancement plans that improve fish and wildlife habitat quality in riparian corridors. The employee will assist with the collection of data related to stream stability and fishery habitat quality at project sites.

**Statutory Reference for Request**

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is charged by General Statute 113-132 with the management, regulation, protection, and conservation of wildlife resources, and inland fisheries in North Carolina. The habitat conservation program allows the Commission to protect, enhance, and restore fisheries habitat and aquatic resources, which results in increased recreational opportunities for sport fishermen and protection for listed species. Land and water disturbing activities such as channelization, riparian area clearing, flow alteration, poor forestry and agricultural practices, hydropower projects, and land development have acted in concert to degrade the environment of sport and nongame aquatic resources.

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